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1. WE UNDERSTAND FRENCH DESIRE TO ALLOW BREATHING SPELL BEFORE MAKING ANOTHER DEMARCHE TO IRAQIS. HOWEVER, JUDGING BY DE COMMINES ACCOUNT, FRENCH AMBASSADOR' S FEBRUARY 27 DEMARCHE IN BAGHDAD PRODUCED NOTHING VERY REASSURING. STATEMENT THAT THERE HAVE BEEN NO ARRESTS IN IRAQ FOR RELIGIOUS OR RACIAL REASONS IS STANDARD IRAQI PROPAGANDA LINE. CLAIM THAT SOME OF MISSING PERSONS HAVE LEFT IRAQ CLANDESTINELY IS NOT SUBSTANTIATED BY ANY INFORMATION WE HAVE AND COULD WELL BE VIEWED AS COVER FOR IRAQIS HAVING DISPOSED OF THEM WHILE IN PRISON.

2. EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE ABOVE POINTS TO FOREIGN MINISTRY
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AND AS FOLLOW-UP TO OUR APPROACH SHOULD URGE FRENCH TO CONSIDER MAKING THEIR NEXT DEMARCHE, FOLLOWING THREE-FOUR WEEK DELAY MENTIONED BY DE COMMINES, AT HIGHER LEVEL, POSSIBLY THROUGH MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT POMPIDOU TO PRESIDENT BAQR. WE WOULD HOPE FRENCH NEXT TIME WOULD PRESS IRAQIS TO PRODUCE PRISONERS, OR ALLOW IMPARTIAL INTERNATIONAL GROUP TO VISIT THEM SO AS TO VERIFY THEIR WELL BEING; IF IRAQIS CONTINUE FRIDERICH'S WILL HAVE PRIVATE TALKS FOLLOWING THE LUNCH.

1530 APPOINTMENT WITH FRG CHANCELLOR WILLY BRANDT FOR SECRETARY SHULTZ.

1615 (APPRX) LEAVE FOR AIRPORT.

1700 (APPRX) DEPART BONN/COLOGNE FOR PARIS.

2. WIVES' PROGRAM:

MARCH 15 (THURSDAY)

0830 DEPART BONN FOR AACHEN.

1000 ARRIVE AACHEN; RECEPTION BY OBERBUEGERMEISTER IN THE RATHAUS FOLLOWED BY GUIDED TOURS OF THE COUVEN MUSEUM (A RESTORED HOUSE SERVING AS A MUSEUM FOR BAROQUE AND ROCCOCO INTERIOR DECORATION AND FURNITURE) AND OF THE AACHEN CATHEDRAL.

1230 LUNCH IN THE AACHEN RATSKELLER.

1400 DEPART AACHEN FOR BONN.

3. WE WILL INFORM PRESS THAT SECRETARY WILL HAVE NO ARRIVAL STATEMENT AND WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS. IT IS POSSIBLE SOME PRESS AND TELEVISION PHOTOGRAPHERS WILL COVER ARRIVAL, EITHER AT AIRPORT OR HOTEL.

4. FOR O'BANNON. LATE AFTERNOON DEPARTURE TIME WILL RESULT
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IN EXTRA HOTEL CHARGES OVER AND ABOVE NORMAL ONE-NIGHT TARIFF.

5. MINISTER FRIDERICH'S VERY MUCH REGRETS THAT HE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ACCEPT SECRETARY'S BREAKFAST INVITATION IN VIEW OF MAJOR SPEECH

HE DELIVERING IN BUDESTAG FIRST THING THAT MORNING. HE LOOKS
FORWARD TO SEEING SECRETARY AT LUNCH.

6. IN VIEW OF SHORTENED VISIT ONLY TIME THAT WOULD BE
AVAILABE TO MEET WITH PRESS WOULD BE EARLY MORNING MARCH 15.
SECRETARY MAY NOT DESIRE THIS SINCE AT THAT POINT HE WILL
NOT YET HAVE SEEN GERMAN MINISTERS. PLEASE ADVISE.
HILLENBRAND

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